

Minutes of PCA Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, April 28, 2021
Via Zoom (Hosted by Lori)

Present: Daryl Boshart, Eadit Rokach, Gail James, Linda Blake, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill (Chair), Michelle Kushnir, Susan McMurray

Regrets: Coline Morrison, Gemma Parker, Zhiizhii Prince

Regular Business:

1. **Welcome**
2. **Review and approval of agenda:** Lori added one item to the agenda. Motion to approve as amended by Linda, seconded by Gail and passed.
3. **Approval of minutes from March 11, 2021 meeting:** Motion to approve by Linda, seconded by Eadit and passed.
4. **Treasurer's report:** Deferred to next meeting.

Committee Reports – What's New?

1. **Communications:**
 - Daryl, Gemma, Susan and a 2021-22 nominee for Membership Coordinator met via Zoom with a representative of our new website provider to discuss various features and training.
 - Lori is tracking changes to the current PCA website, which will need to be carried over to the new website.
 - The Pocket Change Communications Team is working on their section of the new website.
 - Daryl outlined some of the anticipated challenges in working with the new website.
2. **Events:**
 - **Spring Fling** - It took place on April 10 as planned, and no concerns were reported.
 - **Pocket Clean-up** – Public Health restrictions prevented organization of a large-scale clean-up. In its place the PCA suggested a "Tidy-Up-Our-Personal-Outdoor-Space Weekend" on April 24 & 25, promoted via eblast and social media. Five volunteers independently collected bags of yard waste and garbage from Phin Park, the leash-free dog park and Oakvale Green. Lori is negotiating pick-up of the bags by the City.
 - **Pocket Street Sale** – Status is unknown due to current Public Health restrictions.
3. **Membership:**
 - Forty-five households/individuals have signed up/renewed for 2021 (calendar year) membership
 - A membership advertisement was placed in the April 2021 *The Pocket* newsletter.
 - An online 2021 membership drive will start in early May. Everyone who is a member by May 31, 2021, will be eligible for a draw for a \$100 gift certificate to The Big Carrot Danforth Community Market, donated by a member of the Executive.
 - Members of the Executive were reminded to renew their membership.
4. **Neighbourhood Support; COVID-19:**
 - After a brief discussion, it was recommended that the Neighbourhood Support Committee do a full review of the contents of the Welcome Bags at a later date TBA.
 - Lori updated the status of two ill members of the community and of residents who have requested support due to the pandemic.
 - Lori reported that two house fires in the Pocket, one on Chatham Ave. and one on Jones Ave., have displaced three households. She has reached out to offer PCA support. No support has been requested to date.

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5. Nomination and Election:

- A poster “Hey you, get involved in the Pocket Community Association” was sent via eblast and social media on March 21.
- A poster “Get involved in the Pocket Community Association” was posted in the neighbourhood on April 18.
- A poster “The Pocket needs your help” was sent via eblast and social media April 28.
- A candidate for Fundraising Coordinator has been identified. The Vice-Chair position is still vacant. Susan and David Langille are reaching out to Pocket Change members to help find candidates for this position.

6. Phin Park & Greening:

- Lori’s neighbour has volunteered to store the large skating rink hockey net until next winter.
- The herb garden stonework is cracked and broken in places. Lori has spoken to a tradesperson and recommends no action at this time. She will obtain two quotes, one to repair only, and one to rebuild.
- In September 2019 LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests) Young Urban Forest Leaders assessed the Pocket’s tree canopy and prepared a report. Distribution of the report was delayed due to COVID-19. Jeff Otto and Lori, LEAF contact reps, propose to release the report in May or June.

7. Pocket Change:

- Michelle outlined Pocket Change’s agreement with Greensaver; selection by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for its SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program); and City Council’s support of Pocket Change Plus. More information is available in the April 2021 edition of *The Pocket* newsletter.
- An online information/discussion meeting is scheduled in early May. There will also be an important SNAP online meeting/workshop on May 17.
- Greensaver thinks it will be possible to do energy audits during pandemic lockdown.

8. Secretary/review of motions managed by email: Motion April 16, 2021 by Susan ‘to provide said letter for the purposes of the Committee of Adjustment appeal for 17 Boothroyd Avenue’; seconded April 17, 2021 by Coline. Motion defeated April 19, 2021 with two in favour, seven opposed.

Business Arising:

1. **Revising our governance documents:** Eadit reported on the status of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act revision. The revised version has passed third reading but has not been submitted for Royal Assent. Susan recommends we update our governance documents next year even if the ONCA revision has not yet been passed. After it is passed, we have three years to update our governance documents.

New Business:

1. **COVID-19 AGM planning:** Lori suggested dates for the AGM, which will likely be virtual.
2. **Discussion of Local Street Marketplace (online retail platform):** The Executive continued its earlier email discussion of a potential motion to allow the PCA e-blast to be used to inform members about Local Street Marketplace as a potential means to link buyers and vendors in the Pocket. Linda requested that Lori email it to the Executive to move, second and vote.
3. **Proposal for a new committee:** The Executive discussed the proposal for an energy science and technology committee.
4. **Project Swallowtail:** deferred to next meeting.

Next Meeting

1. **Next Meeting:** Late May TBD.